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MSU STAR MILES BRIDGES

A path of his own

"Boy, has he been a special guy to have around. He's so humble and so selfless."

Tom Izzo, Michigan State coach, on Miles Bridges

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Flint native credits love, discipline for his success

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EAST LANSING – Michigan State basketball star Miles Bridges hangs out in his apartment, watching TV with his teammates, petting Calypso, his fluffy gray cat.

"To me, it's weird," says Tum Tum Nairn Jr., his roommate. "He's a great kid, unbelievable person, but you would never look at Miles and think, 'That's a guy who has a cat.' "

Then again, Bridges is full of surprises.

This is a guy who grew up in Flint and has an image of the city's skyline tattooed across his back, and yet, he is obsessed with watching the cartoon, "SpongeBob SquarePants." "I love SpongeBob," he says, enthusiastically. "I watch it all the time. ... It just brings me back to my childhood."

This is a guy who used to get homesick at AAU basketball tournaments, but decided to leave home at 15 and move in with strangers so he could play basketball at prestigious Huntington Prep in West Virginia.

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ELECTION 2017

Democrats get boost from victories with statehouse gains across the country

Steve Peoples and Zeke Miller ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK – Democrats woke up to a big dose of good news Wednesday as they dissected election results from around the country.

One year after the surprise election of President Donald Trump, there were plenty of encouraging signs for Democrats trying to travel the road to recovery. Some key election takeaways:

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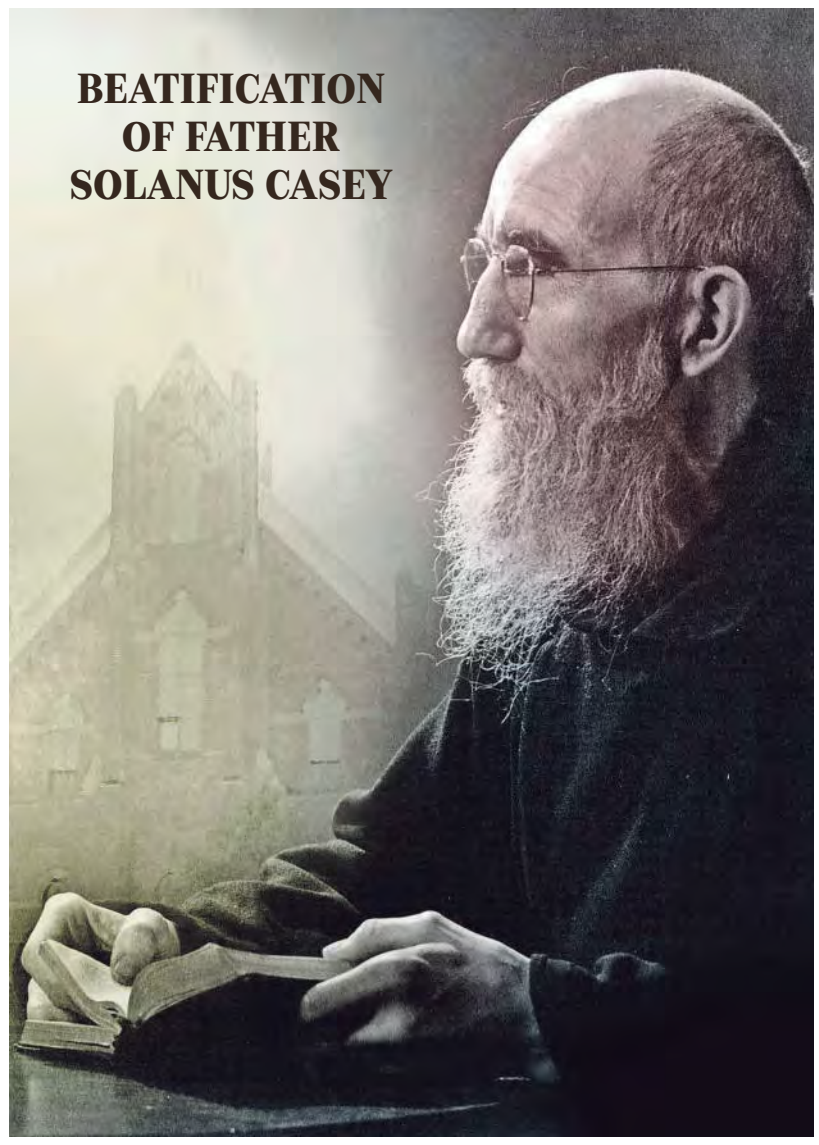

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Taking a step toward sainthood

This coming weekend, nearly 70,000 of the faithful will attend the beloved Catholic priest's elevation ceremony at Ford Field. He will be the third American-born person beatified.

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Medical marijuana business cash-only

Federal laws have banks leery of getting involved

Kathleen Gray Detroit Free Press
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In today's technologically advanced society, where financial transactions rarely leave the realm of touch screens, the state and businesspeople hoping to break into the lucrative medical marijuana business are preparing for a quaint relic from the past: cash.

Lots of cash.

The conflict between state and federal law has set up a banking conundrum for the medical pot industry. Medical marijuana is legal in 29 states, including Michigan, but it is still considered an illegal controlled substance by the federal government.

Banks are leery of doing business with marijuana entrepreneurs because it could violate their federal charters, said Elizabeth Khalil, a partner at the Dykema law firm in Chicago and leader of the firm's financial regulatory practice, which includes advising clients in the medical marijuana industry.

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"There is a lot of unchartered territory in this business, but the one that keeps me awake at night is the money handling."

David Kelley
a Traverse City businessman who is part of a group that wants to get involved in the medical cannabis business

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